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MARGARET MEAD JOINS CUFOS BOARD - Dr. Margaret Mead, the well-known anthropologist, has become the newest addition to the Scientific Board of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Illinois. Dr. Mead is currently Curator Emeritus of the American Museum of Natural History and Adjunct Professor of Columbia University.

UNITED NATIONS UPDATE - Sir Eric Gairy, Prime Minister of Grenada, made his third consecutive address to the General Assembly of the United Nations on October 7, appealling once more for the creation of a United Nations body to study the UFO problem. This is the third year that the Prime Minister has called for a world-wide effort to examine the phenomenon. In his speech, Gairy acknowledged that he himself had seen what he believes to be a UFO, and implied that he had discussed the topic with President Carter during a 45-minute visit with him when the Panama Canal treaties were signed.

UFO ANALYSIS - *The single case left over from last month's investigations turned out to be a crescent moon seen through haze. This was easy to determine, since none of the four adult witnesses involved reported seeing the moon in the sky, even though it was in the exact location of the "UFO", referenced against the Mars-Jupiter pair in the eastern sky. Yet although this conclusion is inescapable, it means that some of the "effects" noted (e.g., animal reactions, humming and beeping noises, and apparent draining of "energy" from the parking lot over which the "UFO" "hovered" for 50 minutes) must be ascribed to other causes. Investigator Robert Garis did a fine job securing the details for IUR; when he couldn't obtain radar corroboration from local radar facilities, it was with good reason! A preliminary article on this case appeared in the September 9th issue of the San Diego Union newspaper. Fortunately, astronomical IFOs are easy to confirm. Another good example why IUR relegates all Nocturnal Light sightings to the "UFO of Limited Merit" status ... at best. (This case could never have been considered a good example of electromagnetic interference since an early check with the parking lot owners - Grossmont Hospital - revealed no effect on their electricity.)*

THIS MONTH: 5 out of the 7 cases that were still under investigation are now complete; the remaining 2 will be discussed next issue, one of which appears to involve electric interference by a close encounter. Three of the 5 cases were IFOs, the other two are detailed below:

CASE	TYPE	DATE	TIME	DURATION	WITNESSES	PLACE
2-11-53	NL	10-11-77	7:55 PM	5½ hours (!)	2+	Fairfield, VT

36-year old farmer's attention was attracted by a brief noise, causing him to look out his window. He, his wife, and four rather young children watched an extended light source, blindingly bright, hover over the western swamp and come close to their house over their garden (though no outline was ever discernible). The color of the silent light shifted red to white because of the overwhelming red light that flashed on and off near the lesser white source. This object shone a white searchlight down toward the swamp as if "searching". A second red glow approached from over a house nearby and came within "a few hundred yards" of the first one; both continued to hover over the swamp, circling about. The second one vanished quickly at 11:30 PM; the second was visible until 1:30 AM when the sky became cloudy.

No other reports from this sparsely-populated area. The long duration suggests an astronomical target, but no star or planet could maintain the low angle over the western horizon (described) for long. The Army National Guard acknowledged that they had conducted helicopter exercises that night in that area, but that they were

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EDITORIAL

by Dr. J. Allen Hynek

This is our first anniversary issue. IUR is going strong, and has been extremely well received, and is apparently here to stay. Many new subscribers, therefore, did not see our first editorial; therefore I may be pardoned for repeating its highlights for their benefit:

"Whatever one may think about UFOs—whatever one may speculate about their origins, one fact has stood out over the past quarter of a century: UFOs continue to be reported by people the world over, and in all walks of life.

"The contents of these reports continue to intrigue, mystify, entrance and engage our imaginations. Each is a new challenge to the inquiring mind. It is a challenge, but it is also a threat to established way of looking at things . . . Each well investigated UFO report (which means that all reports for which a rational explanation has been found have been eliminated) carries us closer to the edge of reality. It suggests that conventional ways of looking at things, what we accept as reality, may have to be changed. . . . It suggests the need for a shift in outlook and for allowance for things not yet known. Each age has had its change in scientific outlook, in its 'world-view', and the UFO phenomenon may well point the way to the next such change.

"What that change might be we can find only by diligent research. Quick guesses or wishful thinking will not do . . . only well-executed research will eventually yield answers. It is becoming increasingly clear that the UFO is much more than which merely fools the eye or deludes the fool. Much more—it is entirely new information, and only the unprejudiced mind is prepared to take advantage of, and meet, this new challenge."

J. Allen Hynek

CORRESPONDENCE

WESTERN KANSAS ABDUCTION

Please be informed regarding the clipboard (described by both Joe and Carol in last month's case—Ed.). Carol and Joe had a clipboard with the log of their journey across country in their car. She recognizes this as hers and finds it again in her (their) car minus the papers which were clipped on it.

RICHARD SIGISMOND
Colorado

(*note the correct spelling of Mr. Sigismond's last name—Ed.*)

DEATH OF A NEWSSTAND UFO MAG

It's official. OFFICIAL UFO, like the "true confession" magazines, is now using only fictional material which is being presented as factual. OUFO Associate Editor Charles Cowley admitted this to me personally during my recent visit to the offices of Countrywide Publications in N.Y. City. MY UFO Bookshelf column, which appeared in OUFO over the past couple of years, made its final appearance in the October 1977 issue. Henceforth all reviews will be staff written and, to judge from the Dec. '77 issue, will be scarcely different from the promotional fluff put out by PR hacks working for the book publishers.

GEORGE W. EARLEY
Bloomfield, CT

(*Why anyone would feel compelled to make up UFO reports in the face of all the* truly-*alleged accounts is beyond our understanding!—Ed.*).
(*See the "UFO Newsfront" item on OUFO's last editor in our May, 1977 IUR—Ed.*).

IN CURRENT JOURNALS

LOGIC AND THE "SCIENTIFIC METHOD"— PART 2, by Lawrence W. Dale, BUFORA JOURNAL, July/August, 1977.

"Method of Concomitant Variation: One observes that when a particular phenomenon varies, the general effect also varies. The varying phenomenon is (according to some) the cause. Example: During a UFO sighting, the temperature of the surrounding varies with the variation of the approach of the UFO. The UFO is responsible. . . . We cannot claim that because two effects vary correspondingly that they are causally connected, as in the example. . . . We CAN claim that if one effect varies while the other remains constant, then the effects are NOT causally connected.

FOREIGN FORUM

This is a representative sampling of UFO sightings from around the world. While we cannot exert the same degree of control over these cases compared to domestic ones, it is at least of value to see that the same characteristics are reported for this phenomenon abroad as in the U.S.

BRAZIL: Pacienca (near Rio de Janiero), September, 1977 (date uncertain—occurred on a Thursday; did NOT occur on Friday, Oct. 7 as reported in the N.Y. News World). (Newspaper accounts contain inaccuracies which are corrected here by direct interview.) Antonio Bogado La Rubia, a 33-year old bus driver left his home at 2:15 AM to walk to the highway and catch the 2:35 bus. From there he would go to the bus company to drive his own bus. He was nervous walking by a large deserted field where there were but few houses and lanes, fearing an assault; it was here that he was startled to see a flying saucer that looked like "an enormous hat". He took two steps back and was nailed to the ground and saw two men grabbing him. He can't recall how he entered the disc but suddenly he was floating inside it, surrounded by two rows of a dozen men each. The UFOnauts were his height, about 5'5"; they wore football-shaped metal helmets with a wide band running across the broad portion. They were cut into mirror-like sections from which blue flashes were emitted. Their bodies were broad-shouldered and metal-clad, but though they seemed like robots, Antonio could hear them breathing. Otherwise, all was silence.

Antonio felt panicked and tried to shout, but couldn't utter a sound. He observed about 50 of these men, an interior illuminated blue and white, and a crystal bell jar around him. Blood was drawn from the middle finger of his right hand. His attention was directed to a screen, on which was depicted a horse drawing a cart; next was a dog barking and a sudden flash that killed the animal, followed by a scene of one of the UFOnauts being killed. He was also shown a picture of a countryman with a straw hat (the order here is uncertain). Antonio was all the more surprised when he was shown a picture of himself, naked, surrounded by doctors. Following this was another view of him, clothed, soiling his clothes with his own defecation. Finally, he was shown a scene that he refuses to describe.

Gathering his strength, he shouted, "Who are you? What do you want from me?" His shouting seemed to mortally affect the occupants, who fell back. Just as suddenly, Antonio lost his voice, and was paralyzed by a beam of light directed at him. "It looked as if they wanted to roast me alive. That beam of light turned me red, burning like fire, and I was overcome as it lessened." Uncertain how, Antonio found himself out of the ship and in a lane near the spot where he had been abducted. Although he felt alright inside the UFO, his head was spinning, and he was burning. He asked a passerby the time—it was 3:55 AM. He estimates he was in the UFO for 40 minutes. When he reached the bus company, he had his coworkers turn the water-hose on him. "I was taken to the Infirmary and the nurse, Estelita Ferreira, discovered my temperature was 42°C. (normal is 37°C.). This went down, but soon after the temperature went right up again. I refused all medicine, and was afraid of taking an injection, for fear of the reaction it might produce." Naked in the Infirmary, he was examined by the firm's psychologist, Dr. Neli Carbonel, implying that the view on the screen was a "fulfilled prophecy". He never lost control of his defecation, however, even while sick. The psychologist found him in a pitiful emotional state, crying like a baby . . . not to mention his variable temperature, swollen state, loose bowels and vomiting. He had scratched himself red from itchiness and didn't want to be clothed or touched. His thirst was boundless and his mouth burned. Hematomas appeared with little eruptions at his joints and on his neck. Thus, he was taken to the

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U.S. SIGHTINGS

5 UFOs SELECTED FROM 65 CASES: Sept. 15-Oct.14

53 reports were judged to be identifiable or inappropriate.
7 reports are still under investigation.
Refer to the monthly "Profile" feature for complete evaluations.

HOW WE LEARN OF UFO'S: UFO reports are from news departments, civilian organizations and individuals all over the world, but most of our reports stem from the Center for UFO Studies' UFO Central Hotline. This is a 24-hour, toll-free telephone service for the exclusive use of law enforcement agencies, FAA agencies, planetaria and other formal channels. This gives us the chance to follow up *all* cases rapidly for first-hand information with unlimited long-distance capability. Other advantages include screening of the hoaxers Indeed, police who patrol when others are asleep are encouraged to fill this void.

HOW WE DEFINE UFO'S: Any anomalous aerial phenomena whose appearance and/or behavior can't be ascribed to conventional objects and effects—not only by the original witnesses, but also by analysts who possess technical qualifications the original observer may lack.

NL—Nocturnal Light: distant anomalous lights seen in the night sky
DD—Daylight Discs: distant disc-like objects seen during the day
RV—Radar/Visual: UFOs seen by radar and vision simultaneously

CE I—Close Encounter of the First Kind: UFOs seen within 500 feet
CE II—Close Encounter of the Second Kind: CE I's that leave behind physical traces
CE III—Close Encounter of the Third Kind: CE I with humanoid occupants seen

HOW WE NUMBER CASES: All UFO sightings will receive a three element number which will serve as a case "name". The first numbers refer to the volume and issue number of the edition that contains the case, and the last number refers to the order it arrived (example: 1-1-7, the seventh case of the first issue).

UFOs of Limited Merit

These reports are of intermediate stature. They are UFOs in the sense that we don't know what they are, but for a variety of stated *reasons, they are not really worthy of closer scrutiny.*

CASE	TYPE	DATE	TIME	DURATION	WITNESSES	PLACE
2-11-9	NL	9-21-77	8: 47 PM	6-7 sec.	1 +	Phoenix, AZ

Starting at 8: 30, a 17-year old student watched 8 brief "flashes" of light 45° up in the N, all separated by 2 minutes each. Suddenly, at 8: 47, a formation of 8 triangles with rounded edges appeared from that same position. Seven of the 8 UFOs were in a straight line, equally spaced, about 12 "moon diameters" (6°) apart; the 8th was slightly forward. Each triangle was well defined against the very clear night sky. They had no lights of their own, reflecting city lights with a blue-grey color, and were about one "moon diameter" (½°) wide. They shot noiselessly from the north in a straight path overhead and were lost in the glare of the moonlight in the southern sky. One of them crossed the face of the moon, creating a dark silhouette.

Seen mostly by one witness; the other 17-year old only saw them toward the end. In many respects they sound like a formation of jets, yet the following were unaware of them even though the flight path exhibited took them right over downtown Phoenix: Sky Harbor International Airport, the Phoenix TRACON radar, the Regional Air Defense Liason Officer, and the Luke Air Force Base. Luke AFB further commented that no base has a corridor over downtown Phoenix, that the "triangles" could be, say, F-106's but they have none in that area and they would have to be flown low to be seen that large (yet no noise was heard). Formations of 8 are quite rare, unless "a general was visiting." "I don't want to doubt the guy," the information officer said, "but it sure wasn't miliary aircraft."

2-11-12	NL	9-22-77	10: 25 PM	6-10 min.	2	Ardmore, OK

A chief of detectives, 37, in the company of the police chief, 40, watched a pulsating "star" rush about the sky erratically as they stood next to their parked car. The light would rise and fall in altitude and change directions rapidly, while basically heading north to south at fluctuating speeds. Partially clear sky. No noise.

No other witnesses. County fair in progress at the time, but too small for spotlight. Ardmore Air Traffic Control was 10 miles away but did not observe the phenomenon.

2-11-22	NL	9-27-77	4: 36 AM	2-3 min.	1	Kirksville, MO

Male witness, 20, was driving eastbound into Kirksville in a rural area 6 miles from town. He saw a light to left and behind him. Looking back, he saw a saucer, bowled up on top, with flashing red lights. He wasn't able to discern the placement of the lights or the clarity of the outline (since he was driving) but he could see that it was yellow/orange, as big as the moon, and was chasing him from 500 feet behind him, up at treetop level. He increased the speed of his '71 Cutlass Supreme to 120 m.p.h. but the UFO maintained the same pace. As the chase approached the edge of town, the UFO climbed slightly and shot off out of sight in 2 seconds. No noise.

Single witness. Yes, IUR thought of the moon as an explanation, but the witness saw it in addition to the UFO. Object was not noted by the Kansas City Air Route Traffic Control Center nor by the Columbia Air Traffic Control. This sighting received much press attention.

2-11-24	DD	9-28-77	2: 45 PM	3-5 min.	1	Burlington, IA

28-year old grocery store worker watched a "star" in daytime moving west from high in the eastern sky. 10 seconds later, a second point of light rushed from 45° up in the NE, caught up to the first one in 2-3 seconds, and copied its slow speed. The two points weaved a figure-8 at least 6 times, as they passed to the north side of overhead, and proceeded into the cloud cover in the west. No noise.

Single witness. Unseen by Burlington Airport and Aurora, IL Air Route Traffic Control Center.

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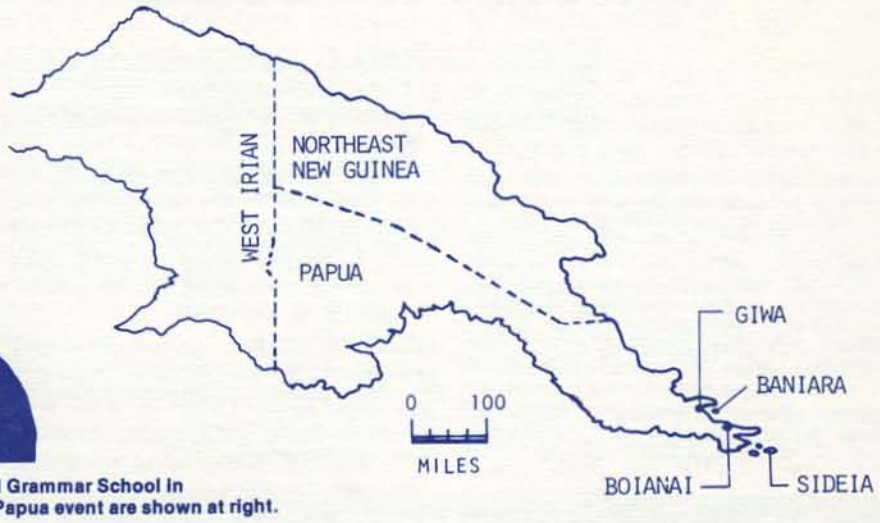
PAPUA/FATHER GILL REVISITED

IUR visits with the Rev. William B. Gill



Father Gill, now 49, an educator at the Camberwell Grammar School in Melbourne, Australia. The relevant villages of the Papua event are shown at right.

It might seem odd to some that out of a thousand UFO sightings involving "occupants", one of the most popularized CE III accounts should be the Papua/Father Gill case, dating back as it does to 1959 and devoid of the more exotic elements that usually typify this extreme end of the UFO spectrum. The reasons, however, are clear:

1) It's the CE III sighting with the largest number of witnesses known to date—38 in all.

2) The primary reporting witness was a clergyman, Rev. William B. Gill.

3) The setting was at Boianai, New Guinea, untouched by technological concerns or "flying saucer consciousness".

Perhaps it's the quiet, unassuming strength of this case that has made it a favorite target for the UFO skeptics, too. If one set out to demean the existence of UFOs, it would be necessary to "take out" the Gill sighting almost immediately.

Recently this summer, however, Rev. Gill visited the United States and spoke with Dr. Hynek and Allan Hendry of IUR while in the Chicago area. We realized that this would be an excellent opportunity to set the record straight on the critical allegations made against this event, impossible to refute up to now due to the geographic barrier involved. Calling upon Gill's memory of 18 years ago, coupled with records of the 3-day event, we first reconstructed the details of the sightings, filling in some gaps we had always wanted answered by William Gill. Later, we gave him an opportunity to respond to challenges that have been raised about the sightings.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 1959

The first of three nights of UFO sightings by Gill and as many as 37 other Papuans. It lasted for 4 hours, with sky conditions varying from scattered clouds to clear to overcast and rain. The altitude of the cloud ceiling was determined by its relationship to the local mountaintops, approximately 2000 feet.

Approximate location of witnesses, facing the NW.

At 6:45 PM, Gill sighted a bright white light from his front door, positioned 30° up in the WNW. This position was held even as the object descended to an estimated distance of 500 feet away. We asked Gill about any change of position during the night:

GILL: "Very little. It didn't obviously go toward the horizon, and it didn't obviously go to the right or left. The sort of movement that sticks in my mind quite clearly is the coming and going through the clouds, obviously at times getting even larger or closer, and moving away, along our line of sight. It went through the clouds by rising into them (as opposed to the cloud moving in front of it). You could see the base of the clouds illuminated by the light, so they must have come down at least to 2000 feet! But the position in the WNW was where it was first seen and remained."

Ten minutes later, the object was down low enough that the witnesses could resolve some details. The apparent size of the object was much wider than the full moon's diameter (although it would be seen largest—5 times the moon—the next night). The object looked dull yellow or pale orange, and shaped as depicted in the sketch. As many as four outlines of "men" could be seen from the

Father Gill's rough sketch of the main UFO.

waist up on the deck at any one time. A thin, blue spotlight, aimed up at a 45° angle, was observed for ten minutes starting at 7:10 PM (all times were determined by a mechanical wristwatch). When the spotlight was turned off, the men retreated and the UFO went up through the cloud ceiling.

Venus was noted by Gill at the same time in the west, below and to the left of the UFO. Yet it was not Venus that rivetted his attention that evening, so he did not take note of the time it set, though he assumes it was early. Note that the main UFO

will not move in almost 3 hours! Any astronomical object would have had to move through 45° of arc in that time. Gill did not note any appearance of the moon in his log, nor can he recall it now.

Gill's methodical log reveals that he saw the UFO again at 8:28 and called for the mission people to watch it again. It was at this point that a second UFO was observed over the sea in the NW, at a steep angle, further away than the first UFO. This one had a much smaller angular size, around half the moon's diameter, but still possessed a clearly outlined disc shape. The whole disc was luminous, yet five "light panels" could be seen on its surface that were brighter still. Four legs were also visible on the underside, as in the "primary" UFO. No rotation was observed. Three more discs were noted at steep angles throughout the southern sky over the land, but these are not remembered as well. There were even smaller than the ¼° disc, yet larger than stars. For the next hour, all five UFOs would disappear and reappear in the clouds. Gill noted that "when you looked back for the little ones, they'd be gone, and later, would be back in place." At 9:05 PM, the three small UFOs disappeared for good. The primary object streaked across the sea toward Giwa in one-half second, faster than the eye could follow . . . and was gone. When it moved off like this, its color changed from thin white to deep red, and then to blue-green. This left the UFO seen nearly overhead, which was finally out of view in the growing overcast by 10:50 PM (seen for over two hours).

Many of the Papuans signed a statement attesting to what they had seen; this will be examined later.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 1959

At 6 PM, with the sun just below the mountains and the sky still light, a Papuan medical assistant spotted a large UFO in roughly the same spot as the night before. Father Gill and a dozen others came out to watch it. It remained light out for fifteen minutes. They watched four human figures appear on the deck of the "ship", apparently bending over and moving their arms. They could only be seen from the waist up. Two other UFOs, very small, were holding stationary, one above the western hills, the other directly overhead.

One of the figures on deck seemed to be looking down at the witnesses. Gill raised his arm up and waved; the figure responded by waving back. A Papuan named Ananias waved his his hands and the two outside figures responded in kind. Both Gill and Ananias waved, and all four men waved back. All the witnesses (except Gill) gasped in joy or surprise. As it got darker, a flashlight was used to direct a long series of dashes toward the UFO. The UFO seemed to acknowledge this by wavering back and forth like a pendulum. Then the UFO slowly moved in toward them for about half a minute, and stopped. This was the closest approach of the object. Father Gill had established that the apparent size of the craft was approximately five inches "at arm's length". IUR has long since discovered that this method generally creates an exaggerated estimate of angular size; we prefer a comparison with the full moon's apparent size. Dr. Hynek had Father Gill study the moon in the Illinois sky, and he decided that the width of the object was equal to five moons lined up end-to-end. While this figure is much smaller than the originally-established five inches, it still "outclasses" any normally-perceived astronomical target. The craft was positioned, Gill now tells us, about 45° in the west. The figures disappeared below deck after a couple of minutes, seemingly losing interest. Two of them returned by 6:25 PM, as did that blue spotlight which flashed twice for a few seconds. The men on the beach shouted and waved for the figures to come down, but the totally silent craft offered no response.

The men were illuminated by the blue light, as well as by an "aura" that surrounded them and the craft without touching them, similar to the night before.

At this point Father Gill went inside to dinner, a point held against him by the skeptics in the UFO-literature. At 7 PM, the main UFO was still present, but smaller. The missionary conducted the "Evensong" church services until 7:45 PM.

IUR: *Why did you leave the scene for dinner?*

GILL: "We were a bit fed up that they wouldn't come down, after all the waving. The waving was not an unusual thing to happen; it's the same sort of procedure that would go on, including signalling with the flashlight, if a vessel arrived. There was no difference. It got so large and close that we trying to beckon it down to land on the playing field. We expected the four occupants, probably dressed in army or navy uniforms, to come in. It all seemed so perfectly ordinary and natural; there was nothing spooky or 'flying saucerish' about it.

This is the difficult thing to get across to people . . . 'Here was a flying saucer; therefore, it must have been a traumatic experience'. It was nothing of the kind."

IUR: *Phil Klass said in his book that you didn't leave behind a single observer.*

GILL: "They *were* there, with the message that if anything interesting happened to yell out . . . When I was having dinner, everybody didn't disband."

IUR: *Was that true during the "Evensong" services you attended right after your dinner?*

GILL: "No, it was clouding over by then. It wasn't much of a night." Remember, too, that they had watched the UFOs for hours the night before.

When the witnesses left the church services, the sky was overcast and no UFOs were in sight. At 10:40 PM, an exceptionally loud explosion was heard, although there is no way to directly tie this in with the sightings.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 1959

At 6:45 one UFO, very high, was present in the north, almost overhead. Forty-five minutes later, it had moved to the south, but was still almost overhead. By 9 PM, three high UFOs were noted, almost in a straight line against a clear sky. At 11 PM, eight UFOs, the greatest number seen at any one time, were logged, and at 11:20, a sharp "bang" was heard on the rooftop of the Mission House, yet no object or dent could be located. Four UFOs could be seen and were still in the sky when Father Gill went to bed.

IUR: *What did these discs look like?*

GILL: "Little discs . . . tiny . . . pretty much half the diameter of the moon in width. Seemed to come and go (without moving) . . . you'd look back and it wasn't there, that sort of thing. We could see the stars at the same time, but these were definitely not stars because of their size and shape."

IUR: *Were you aware of Venus on Sunday night?*

GILL: "I don't recall; I wasn't much interested in Venus by then. It was visible before it got dark, against a light sky."

THE CHALLENGES OF THE SKEPTICS

IUR: *Phil Klass and the late Dr. Donald Menzel have both published their surprise that you saw fit to go in to dinner while "one of the most spectacular phenomena of history" was taking place: "A 'Mother Ship' peopled with beings from outer space." You have countered this stating that you didn't think the*

object was extraterrestrial at the time, that it was only some silent invention of the American Air Force. Yet PRIOR to this sighting, you wrote to a colleague, David Durie, referring to the saucer seen by Stephen Gill Moi five days earlier as well as your own previous "Nocturnal Light" sighting. In that letter, you stated "I am almost convinced about the 'visitation' theory." Then you had the first sighting of June 26 that very night. The next day, PRIOR to the UFO's reappearance at night to which you waved, you wrote to him again, saying, "Life is strange, isn't it? Yesterday, I wrote you a letter . . . expressing opinions re the UFOs. Now less than 24 hours later I have changed my views somewhat." You signed it, "Cheers, Convinced Bill", noting in the text that there was no doubt that the UFOs were "handled by beings of some kind". "Beings of some kind" hardly sounds like you meant "Americans". Is this contradictory?

GILL: "That's partly written tongue-in-cheek, beings of some kind, but also I was *beginning* to doubt when I wrote that night that perhaps there was something in what had been said by Ken Houston (about UFOs) sometime earlier. And David Durie . . .I knew of his interest in the topic. But it was still sort of half-humor written to a friend . . . who understood my sense of humor and I understood his. There was a very close rapport. I knew he was interested in UFOs."

"It's just unfortunate that other correspondence that had been going on for months wasn't kept. If you were going to research this properly, you'd need to get the whole thing in context."

Gill is quite right about that point. Although he placated David Durie about his "visitation theory", he also makes clear that he had no emotional "vested interest" in the UFOs, as his first letter ALSO says:

"I do not doubt the existence of these "things" (indeed I cannot now that I have seen one for myself) but my simple mind still requires scientific evidence before I can accept the from-outer-space theory. I am inclined to agree with some that probably many UFOs are more likely some kind of electric phenomenon—or perhaps something brought about by the atom bomb explosions, etc." He even discounted Stephen Gill Moi's claim of sighting a saucer on June 21. "That Stephen should actually make out a saucer could be the work of the unconscious mind as it is very likely that saucers do exist, but it is only 50/50 chance that they are not earth made, still less that they should carry men (more likely radio controlled), and it is still unproven that they are solids." Furthermore, when you see that this first letter is signed "DOUBTING WILLIAM", it becomes clear that the signature, "Convinced Bill" is the obvious good-natured *sequel.* All of these facts, however, have been conveniently omitted in the skeptics' published arguments.

IUR: *"What was the extent of your reading on UFOs at this time?"*

GILL: "Until I got down to Melbourne (Australia—he left New Guinea shortly afterwards), the only thing I'd read on flying saucers is what I'd written myself (about his own experience). That is, I knew nothing. There might have been a magazine article, but I was just disinterested."

IUR: *"Yet, in the notes that you kept at the time, you referred to the primary UFO as a "Mother Ship". A term in common use in the UFO literature since the days of Adamski. Skeptics noted this right away."*

GILL: "Well, it seemed as though it was a 'mother' with her 'children'. Just a sort of feeling. The use of the term 'ship' is natural because of the superstructure, see; it reminds you of a ship. I could have even called it a "launch". It gave the impression of a 'mother chicken'.

IUR: *"Do you mean that was your own choice of words, then, rather than something you'd read before? You co-invented the term 'mother ship'?"*

GILL: "That's right."

There is further evidence that the Papuan natives themselves thought that the object seen on Friday was not extraterrestrail." When Mr. Ernie Evenett (who also saw a UFO on Friday night) met the Boianai natives the next day, they asked him, "Taubada (Sir), did you see the American Air Force last night? We did at Boianai." Still, it's safe to observe that Father Gill came around to the idea that the UFOnauts were not Air Force employees by June 30 when he wrote to David Durie, "Assuming that the men are the same size as average of *earth* . . . " No qualifications this time! Yet it has been stated that Norman Cruttwell, who submitted information on UFOs in New Guinea to FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, had instructed the missionaries and natives to keep a conscious eye out for UFOs. Was Gill under pressure to inform Cruttwell of UFO sightings?"

GILL: "Norman Cruttwell was in no position of authority to instruct, he was a colleague of mine."

IUR: *"But weren't you trying to 'please your superior', as Phil Klass suggests, by fulfilling this function?"*

GILL: "He wasn't my superior, he was just a close friend."

IUR: *"But in a letter you wrote to Norman Cruttwell, you stated, "Here's a lot of material, the kind you have been waiting for, no doubt"!*

GILL: Yes, well . . . that was written a couple of weeks afterwards when I was *very much* aware that Norman Cruttwell was keeping a log on these things, but again, it was written in the 'Gill humor', 'Here's a lot of junk that I've collected, if it satisfies you'. That was a private letter. It's only people who get to know me over a period of time who understand what I mean when I say some outrageous things in letters."

THE SIGNED STATEMENT

IUR: *"This case has been considered a classic, largely on the basis of the huge number of witnesses involved—38. Consequently, it was necessary for the skeptics to demean this strong element in several ways. The first "technique" was to imply that the Papuan witnesses didn't know what they were signing when you gathered them inside on that Friday night."*

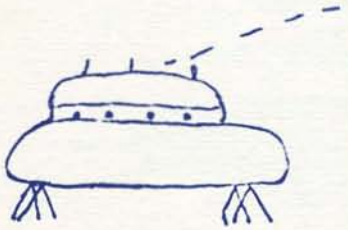
GILL: "I drew that" (referring to the sketch shown): "while others did theirs, separately, and upon comparison they realized, 'yes, we did see it, this is what was going on'. What did we sign agreement to? Did we see this object—yes. Could we explain it—no. Had we ever seen this sort of thing before—no. When you wake up in the morning, will you reckon you didn't see it? Yeah, that's a possibility! Alright, let's get our signatures down, and then, if we have doubts in the morning, well, there's the evidence! Furthermore, the Papuans were bilingual from childhood in English and Wedau . . . they knew what they were signing."

IUR: *"What about the differences that exist among the drawings?"*

GILL: "I think that's the important thing. I think there would have been room for criticism had the drawings been identical. I think the differences indicate that we weren't copying each other, that there were certain things that were significantly more important to one person than to another. But the important things are there, the general shape is there, the figures on top are there, and the shaft of light. These are the three things, and I think they come out, if not in every drawing at least in some. The differences in the drawings are due to variations in our inabilities to draw."

IUR: *"Another question raised is why only 25 of the 38 witnesses signed*

Stephen Gill Moi



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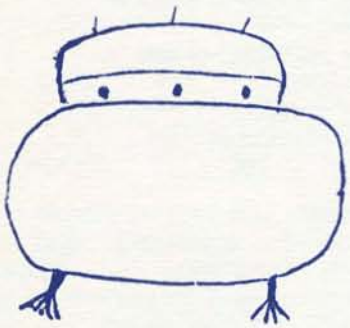

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Compare these sketches with Gill's on page 4.

the paper."

GILL: "I don't know how many (of the 38) didn't come inside for the signing. There might have been lots of people who toddled off home afterward." (But assuming that they chose not to sign) "that would suggest to me, 18 years later, that I wasn't the "Great Leader Who Had To Be Followed'. Also, if those who *didn't* sign had any great doubts about the truth of this, they'd have come forward with the real facts, that it really didn't happen. What would be interesting to know is, how far they (Norman Cruttwell, *et al*) went to find someone who would *deny* this; did they, in fact, search out the *negative*? Were they so interested in the 'positive', were they only seeking out supporters?"

Did everyone agree they were looking at men? At the time, Father Gill prepared a comprehensive statement about this, for agreement on different aspects of seeing the UFO-nauts on deck:

1) #1, 2 & 3 at 6:55
2) #1 & 2 at 7:00
3) #1, 3, 4 & 2 (in that order) and the shaft of light at 7:10
4) #1 & 2 and light shaft at 7:12

William Gill and Stephen Gill Moi signed all four. Ananias Rarata signed the last three and Nessie Moi signed the second one.

IUR: *"Does that mean that the others didn't endorse seeing the men on the deck?"*

GILL: "Oh, yes, yes, I think they are."

IUR: *"This brings up another issue . . . the Papuan natives themselves; The skeptics have implied they were simple people who were subservient to you."*

GILL: "Stephen Gill Moi was a very loyal colleague, but certainly not subservient. These people have minds of their own. Stephen Moi is a trained teacher; so is Ananias, Stephen Moi more so. Certainly Stephen Moi's English is very good. But it's impossible for me to conceive that these people were just saying, just doing what I told them to. To begin with, there was a considerable portion of the people who wouldn't sign. The other point is that I hadn't been there long enough for a new generation of young children to grow up with me and for them to treat me as a kind of substitute father. This is the situation that's inferred. A lot of people don't realize that the New Guinea people in this area are third-generation educated and pretty sophisticated for that country. Had I been there for a group of children to grow up from primary school to secondary school age, it would make more sense. But I'd arrived 18 months before in the place. It probably was justified in many ways: I think they're an independent people and were really resenting European authority. These were the kind of people who led the country into independence three years later. If anything, this could have been an opportunity to say, 'This European is having us off, he's trying to make us acknowledge something that didn't occur'. I was a relative stranger to the district and to the people; earlier on in that year, about February or so, there was an attempt to get me out of the district. They wanted to run the show by themselves. The only thing was, I felt I should have been there because the education system was running down, it was in a pretty bad way. It was my job to make them see that I should at least stay here for a short time and try to pull the strings together and tighten things up."

IUR: *"Tell us about their education."*

GILL: "The adult education at that time would have corresponded to your tenth grade. Certainly not, in American terms, a tertiary level but reasonably highly educated for that country at that time. Some of these people did go on to the university when it was begun 3 or 4 years later."

IUR: *"Menzel tried to diminish the witnesses further by identifying them as children."*

GILL: "It could have been important if it was true. There were 12 adults among the 25 witnesses who signed (out of 38 total)." (These included 6 teachers and 2 medical assistants).

IUR: *"What about Menzel's thought that the 'audible gasps of surprise' by the Mission boys were at* you *for being excited about a familiar phenomenon like a star?"*

GILL: "I don't think they'd try to wave a star in to land."

IUR: *"They weren't waving at the UFO simply because . . . you were waving at it?"*

GILL: "No. The teachers wouldn't anyway, although a child might."

IUR: *"Menzel also asserted that 'in a Mission of this sort, the natives must have been conditioned to miracles and the like'."*

GILL: "If they were conditioned to miracles, which miracles had preceeded all this? The miracle they would have liked to have seen, most of them, was for me to disappear off the face of the earth and let them get on with running their own district!"

We have already mentioned two other items that attest to Gill's failure to impress the natives with the 'miracle' of UFOs: the early letter he wrote doubting that Stephen Gill Moi saw a saucer, and the statement of the natives to Mr. Evenett about watching 'the American Air Force last night.'

NEXT ISSUE

IUR reconstructs the night sky for that place and date, asks Gill about more of the skeptics' charges, and his own feelings 18 years later. Part two in the December issue of IUR.

PROFILE: SEPTEMBER, 1977

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IFOs

Stars and Planets	14
Ad Planes	14
Balloons	6
Aircraft	6
Meteors	5
Prank Balloons	3
Satellites	2
Moon	1
Ground Lights	1
Helicopter	1
Flare	1
Launch	1

EXCLUSIONS

Unreliable Witnesses	1
Unavailable witness	1
Non-UFO	1

UFOs

NL	6
DD	1

Total Number of Reports	65
Average Per Day	2.2
Peak Activity (6 cases)	9/26

Total Number of UFOs	7
Total Number of IFOs	55

UFOs: 11.3% **IFOs:** 88.7%

UFOs include 2-10-54, -58, -60, 2-11-9, -12, -22, and -24. Verifications and complete details of these evaluations are available upon request. Note: Listing the cases each issue from mid-month to mid-month is our attempt to inform our readers of the latest UFO "news". This gives us the opportunity to finish off the inevitable cases that still require investigation (these are usually detailed in the news page of each issue at press time). That way, IUR can keep its readers as current as possible on UFO events while still logging each month in chronological order. For those collecting statistics, therefore, IUR recommends the exclusive use of the Profile features.

One of our "misperceived star" reports came in from Tallahassee, Florida. It was noteworthy in that coverage of the sighting made the local papers and almost escalated to national attention (including the NATIONAL ENQUIRER and the STAR). Investigator Ed Wilbanks took the officers out at the same time of night and they realized they were only watching stars changing colors.

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Rocha Faria Hospital; a diagnosis is not known at this time. A Dr. Neri Ferreira said, "Thyroid gland hypertension and flooding of the cerebral ventricle brain cavity with blood after concussion or hemorhage could cause such a high temperature. A baby could withstand it, but not an adult. These rushes of fever, even temporary, will cause La Rubia severe problems."

Antonio is scheduled for more tests, but his psychologist thinks he has passed 20 of her 21 tests. She regards him as a normal man of high I.Q. and is very duty-conscious. He is now staying with his in-laws, still insatiably thirsty and a chain smoker.

Local investigator Irene Granchi calls attention to the similarity of this event with the 1968 Mendoza Peccinetti-Villegas UFO sighting, with an eye toward the TV screen and the blood drawn from the middle finger. Quite typical of the high strangeness UFO researchers have come to expect from CE III's in South America; indeed, the only clear alternative possibility involves Antonio's fear of being assaulted in that deserted neighborhood (reputed for a high crime rate). Was he hit, say, from behind, resulting in a *real* concussion (as suggested) causing the observed medical (and psychological) effects? Perhaps this will all come clear if we learn of the hospital's diagnosis.

SOURCE: direct investigation by Irene Granchi, O Dia newspaper of Oct. 4, and the Oct. 10 News World newspaper in N.Y.C.

SWEDEN: Undersaker, reported May 7, 1977. Jenny Nordin and a companion watched a triangular object, apex pointing downward, shining and glimmering over the woods. Then a string of lights lit up around the bottom and the object changed to a rectangle with a pointed top. All of this occurred in silence for two hours in the middle of the night. Then a powerful spotlight shone down from the right side illuminating the entire forest. An enormous object with three large windows rose up in the light; both objects hovered over the trees, and gradually extinguished.

SOURCE: Vasternorrlands Allahanda, May 7, 1977—translated by Harald Maurer.

GUATEMALA: Guatemala City (?), Oct. 5, 1977. Channel 3 cameraman Manuel Juarez and Oscar Tobar were videotaping a car commercial at 10:40 AM; when a UFO came into view, they videotaped *that*, instead, possibly the first recording of its kind. The recorded flight lasted 51 seconds; estimated initial distance was 500 meters, 54 degrees up—distance of departure was 5000 meters (according to the calculations of Channel 3's Chief of Operations Eduardo Mendoza). He guessed the speed to be about 100 miles per hour. Exact size and shape were uncertain; it looked like "something close to a trailer" when about five blocks away.

SOURCE: The Guatemala News, Oct. 14, 1977—via Adolf Dziura

all grounded by 8 PM. The Burlington Air Traffic Control had nothing logged in either the tower or radar room. Nothing further was reported to the local paper, the Messenger, which ran an article on the experience.

Actually, the most interesting feature of this rather minor case was the way the family was treated during and after the event. While they watched the lights, the witnesses repeatedly begged the local police come out and see them. They replied that there was nothing they could do about it, other than refer the incident to the Center for UFO Studies. For an extended period of time following the news article, the family received crank phone calls at 3 AM ("You ought to be committed"); cars would pull up in front of the house (on a dead-end street) and shout jeers toward them. One caller said that"if they ever reported a UFO again, they'd be hurt". Fearing for their children, the couple is now armed."We're only trying to tell the truth", the wife told IUR; her husband added,"we'll (continue to) tell the truth... we won't take this guff".

COMMENT BY ALLAN HENDRY - IUR has reported this kind of public harassment in previous cases. Merely establishing that the locals "didn't believe" the witnesses, or even that they felt they were insane, does NOT sufficiently account for the overt, vicious behavior exhibited. Obviously, something deeper is at stake.If it's necessary to demean the UFO witnesses by loudly jeering at them, then it must be an attempt to cope with the deep-seated fear that the family DID see what they reported... something that's a threat to our egos and the security we feel in the *status quo* of our insular world-views. Even if UFOs didn't exist, there is an undeniable emotional climate surrounding the subject - - and it affects all of us.

2-11-63 DD 10-14-77 7 PM 10-15 min. 2 Toledo, OH

31-year old physician watched a vague, oblong shape colored a fiery "red-orange" color,about 3/4 the moon's diameter long (3/8°). Seen against a still-sunlit sky, moving silently eastbound from low in the west to overhead, where it turned slightly southbound and disappeared high in the eastern sky.

No other reports despite the reasonable hour and the proximity to Toledo. A balloon? Even the witness wondered if the red-orange color was due to reflection of the setting sun's light. Yet neither Cleveland Air Traffic Control nor the Cleveland Air Route Traffic Control Center was aware of any bulletins on high-altitude balloon launches for that time, yet this is still a possibility.

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CASE	TYPE	DATE	TIME	DURATION	WITNESSES	PLACE
2-11-60	DD	10-13-77	3:55 PM	up to 30 sec.	5	Champaign, IL

37-year old retired police officer/ ex-pilot watched, along with other young men, a "star" in the clear daylight sky rush from the SSE to the NNE (passing east of overhead) in a straight path without sound or a trail.

The ex-pilot estimated it to be at 30,000 feet traveling at Mach 1. It slowed down and "stopped" for the last 10-15 seconds and vanished in place.

No other reports. Unseen by Chanute Air Force Base and Aurora Air Route Traffic Control. Aurora noted that most of their "traffic" is "generally southbound" at that time.

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